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EXEMPLIFICATION *of a Leaſe of the* SALT MEADOWS *and* TOLLS *of the Town of* GATESHEAD *made from* CUTHBERT TUNSTALL *Biſhop of Durham to the Mayor and Burgeſſes of Newcaſtle upon Tyne and their Succeſſors, for the Termof* 450 *Years, and* CONFIRMATION *thereof by the Dean and Chapter.* 1 & 2 *Philip & Mary,* 28 *March* 1554.

UNIVERSIS Chriſti fidelibus preſentes literas inſpectur. THOMAS Decanus Eccleſiæ Cathedralis Chriſti et beatæ Mariæ Virginis Dunelm. et ejuſdem Eccleſiæ Capituli Salutem in omni Salvator.

NOVERIT univerſitat. veſtræ nos Literas Reverendi in Chriſto Patris et Domini Domini Cuthberti permiſſione Divina Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi ſub eo qui ſequitur verborum tenor. inſpexiſſe.

THIS INDENTURE made the xvij. daie of March in the firſt and ſecond yeares of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Ladie Philip and Marie by the Grace of God King and Queene of England, France, Naples, Jeruſalem and Ireland, Defendors of the Faith, Princes of Spaine and Cicille, Archdukes of Aſtriche, Dukes of Meloyne, Burgoyne and Brabant, Countes of Haſpurge, Flanders et Tyroll, Betwene the Reverend Father in God Cuthbert Biſhopp of Dureſme on th' one partie, and Cuthbert Elliſon Maior of the Towne of Newcaſtle upon Tyne and the Burgeſſ's of the ſame Towne on th' other partie. Witneſſeth, that the ſaid Reverend Father in God Cuthbert Biſhopp of Dureſme, for him and his Succeſſors Biſhops of the ſaid Biſhoprick and Sea of Dureſme for the benefitt and Comoditie of the ſaid Towne of Newcaſtle upon Tyne, hath demiſed granted and to farme letten, and by theſe Preſentes, doth grant demiſe and to farme lett, to the ſaid Cuthbert Elliſon now Maior and to the Burgeſſes of the ſame Towne of Newcaſtle and to their Succeſſors; ALL that his piece of Ground or Meddowe called Salt Meddows, containing by Eſtimation xxxiiij Acres of Ground be yt more or leſs within the Countie of Dureſme, ſett lying and being near to the ſame Towne of Newcaſtle; and alſo all that his part of the Water and River of Tyne ſtreight overthwart anempſt the ſaid Salt Medowes only, and the Soyle and Ground covered with the ſame, as it lyeth and is within the ſaid County of Dureſme, and other kind of Profitts and Commodities which may be taken levied or received of the ſame Water or River directly overthwart for anempſt the ſaid, or Meadows called Salt Meadows onely doth ſtretch

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or extend, (the Fiſhing onely ,excepted) together with a Way to be appointed and aſſigned for all manner of Perſons and conveyance of Merchandize Waires and other things whatſoever from the ſaid Meadows called the Salt Medowes to the Highe Street of the Town of Gateſhead, and from the ſaid Highe Street of the ſaid Town of Gateſhede to the ſaid Meadow called the Salt Meadowes, the ſaid Waie to be ſo large and broad as in the breadth of the ſame one Cart or Waine maie paſſe without Impediment AND Moreover the ſaid Biſhopp for him and his Succeſſors doth covenant and grant to and with the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes and their Succeſſors, that the ſaid Biſhopp and his Succeſſors before the feaſt of Eaſter next enſewing the date of theſe Preſentes, ſhall appoint lymyte ſet forth and bounde out the ſaid Waie and the bounds and lymits of the ſame to the effect purport and in manner and forme as is before in theſe preſents mentioned. And alſo the ſaid Cuthbert Biſhopp of Dureſme for him and his Succeſſors aforeſaid, doth further by theſe Preſentes demiſe grant and to farm lett unto the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes, all and all manner of TOLL of that his Town of Gateſhead in the ſaid Countie of Dureſme, to be from henceforth leavied gathered or taken upp, of and for anie and every kind of Merchandize Waires and things whatſoever tollable within the Precinct Liberties and Juriſdiction of the ſame Town of Gateſhead, or anie where elſe within the Biſhoprick of Dureſme for the ſaid Toll to ſuch effect and meaning, that the ſaid Toll ſhall from henceforth remaine and continue unleavied and untaken and as extinguiſhed, and no ſuch Toll to be from henceforth gathered taken or paid of the ſaid Maior or Burgeſſes and their Succeſſors or of anie other Perſon or Perſons for or in reſpect of the ſame or ſuch Toll as heretofore hath been taken in Gateſhead, or hereafter might be taken if this Dimiſſion were not: TO HAVE to farm the ſaid Meadowes called Salt Meddowes and the ſaid Water and River of Tyne directlie overthwart for anempſt the ſaid Salt Medowes onelie, and other the ſaid Comodities and Profittes (except before excepted) and all the ſaid Toll, togither with the ſaid Way, and all and ſingular the Premiſſes, unto the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes and their Succeſſors, from the Feaſt of Eaſter next enſewing the date hereof, for and during the tearme of Foureſcore tenne Yeares next enſewing the date of theſe Preſentes fullie to be compleat and ended, and from and after th'end and determination

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of the ſaid Tearme of other lxxxx Yeares then next and immediately following fullie to be compleat and ended, and ſo from lxxxx Yeares to lxxxx Yeares during the full Tearme and ende of four hundreth and fiftie Yeares fully to be compleet ended and runne: YEILDING AND PAYING Yearlie to the ſaid Biſhopp and his Succeſſors at the Exchequer of Dureſme, or at the audit anie where holden within the ſaid Biſhoprick of Dureſme during the ſaid Term or Termes, for the ſaid Meddowes and Ground called Salt Meddows fortie four Shillings of good and lawful Money of England, and for the ſaid Toll of Gateſhead for themſelves and all others foure Pounds ſix Shillings and eight pence of lawful Money of England, the ſaid ſeveral Rents payable Yearly at the Feaſt of Eaſter and Michaelmas by equal Portions, and the firſt payment thereof to begin at the Feaſt of Eaſter next coming after the date of theſe Preſents AND if it fortune the ſaid Rents or anie of them or anie part or parcell of them to be behind and unpaid after anie of the foreſaid Feaſtes and Daies at which it ought to be paid by the ſpace of fortie Daies next enſewing anie of the ſame, that then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Biſhopp and his Succeſſors, or their Officers in his or their Names, to enter into the ſaid Salt-meddowes and other the Premiſſes before in theſe Preſents demiſed and graunted, and them ſtill to have keepe and enjoye as before this they did to their own uſe and profittes, from thenceforth this Indenture or anie thing therein conteined to the contrary notwithſtanding as it never had been had or made. AND the ſaid Biſhopp doth alſo covenant and graunt for him and his Succeſſors to and with the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes and their Succeſſors, that the ſaid Meddowes called Salt Meddowes and the ſaid Water and Toll and all other the Premiſſes as before they be expreſſed (except before excepted) now be, and from henceforth ſhall and maie remain and continue according to the Covenants before expreſſed, clerely diſcharged acquited and exonerated of all manner of former Bargains, Sayles, Leaſes, Graunts, Executions, Conditions, Rents, Forfietures, Statutes, and of all other Charges and Incumbrances whatſoever. AND the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes and their Succeſſors may and ſhall quietlie and peaceably occupie and enjoy all the Premiſſes and every part and parcel thereof during all the foreſaid Tearme, without anie lawful Lett Impediment Diſturbance or Interruption of or by anie Perſon or Perſons whatſoever claiming in by or from the ſaid Biſhop or anie of his Predeceſſors

ceſſors. AND the ſaid Cuthbert Elliſon now Maior and the Burgeſſes of the ſaid Town of Newcaſtle do covenant and graunt for them and their Succeſſors, to and with the ſaid Biſhop and his Succeſſors, in Conſideration of the ſaid Toll of the ſaid Town of Gateſhead ſo demiſed and letten to farm unto them by the ſaid Biſhop, that neyther they the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes nor their Succeſſors, or anie of their Officers, or anie Perſon or Perſons by their means or procurement, ſhall at anie time hereafter during the ſaid Term of four hundreth and fifty years, take or levie of any Perſon or Perſons, anie manner of Toll of the South ſide of the Water of Tyne or within the Town Liberties and Countie of Newcaſtle aforeſaid, for or in manner or reſpect of the Toll of Gateſhead aforeſaid. And further, the ſaid Cuthbert Elliſon now Maior and the Burgeſſes of the ſaid Town of Newcaſtle doth covenant and graunt for them and their Succeſſors, to and with the ſaid Biſhopp and his Succeſſors, that it ſhall be lawful for the Farmers of his Fiſhings in the Water of Tyne for anempſt the ſaid Salt Meddows, to land with their Botes and Netts, and the ſame to haung and drie as heretofore they have done, anie thing in this Indenture to the contrarie notwithſtanding. And further the ſaid Cuthbert Elliſon nowe Maior and the Burgeſſes of the ſame Town of Newcaſtle doth covenant and graunt for them and their Succeſſors, to and with the ſaid Biſhopp and his Succeſſors, that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Biſhopp and his Succeſſors at all tymes hereafter, to have the Houſe called Coynehowſe or Storehouſe, with Waie leave as well by Water as by Land as they might have done heretofore, anie thing in this Indenture to the contrarie notwithſtanding. IN WITNESSE whereof, to th'one partie of theſe preſent Indentures remaining with the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes, the ſaid Biſhopp hath putte his greate Seall, and to th' other part of theſe Indentures remaining with the ſaid Biſhopp, the ſaid Maior and Burgeſſes hath put their Common Seal the daie and yeare abovewritten. Nos igitur præfatus Decanus et Capit, omnia et ſingula ſupradicta prout ſuperius content. et recitat. rate habenter et grata ea quantum in nobis eſt pro nobis et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ratificamus approbamus et tenore præſentium confirmamus. Jura tamen et libertat. Eccleſiæ Cathedralis præd. in omnibus ſemper ſalvis. In cujus rei teſtimonium Sigillum noſtrum Cap. præſentibus eſt appenſ. Dat. in Domo noſtro Capituli xxij die menſis Martii anno Domini Milleſimo Quingeſimo liiij.

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